

Student Services Building

Herrick Archives Number 085

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Officially named "The Ohio Union" by Board of Trustees on October 28, 1909.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Students' Building
Club House
Student Union

See Addenda Nos. 1, 3

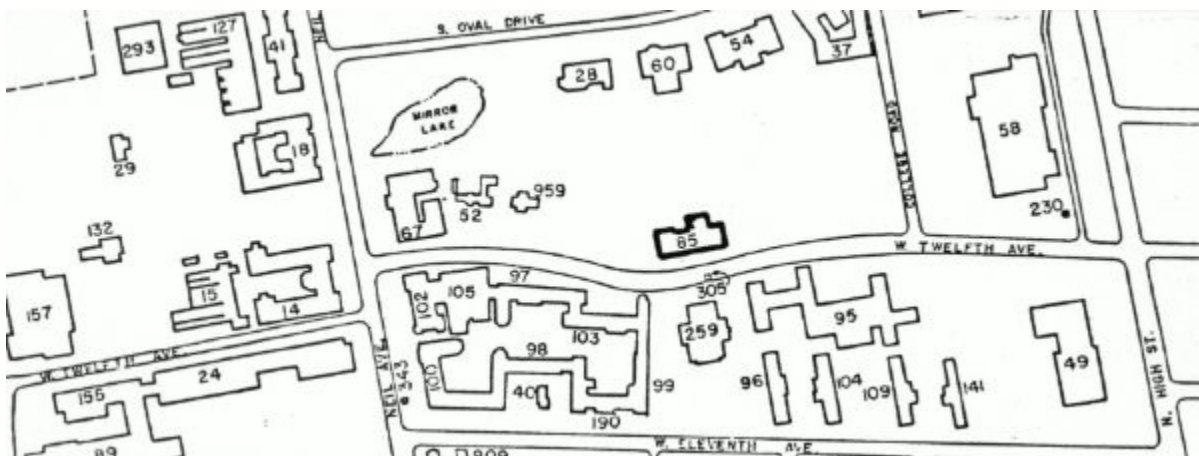
1.3 Wartime names included "Ohio Union Mess Hall," "SMA Mess Hall" and similar names.

1.4 After the Ohio Union moved to its new location on High Street (Building 058), this building was referred to as the "Old Ohio Union" and gradually came to be called by its present name because of the activities housed in it.

2. Location

2.1 Located at 154 W. 12th Avenue. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 110 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Wood frame with brick exterior, except that all of D in sketch below and narrow passageway in and along north side of A were entirely frame.

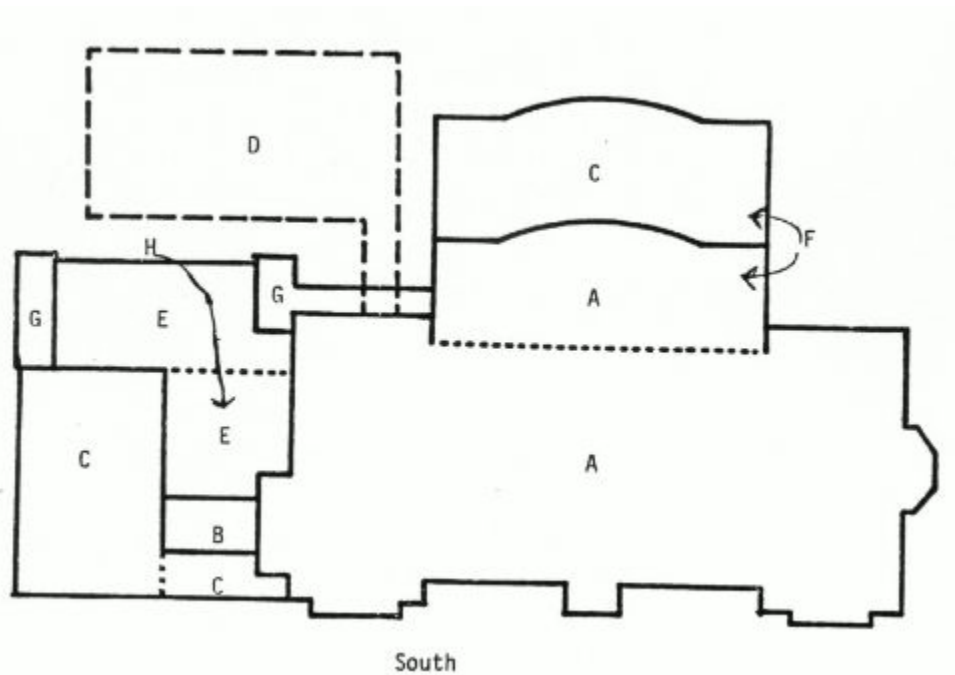
3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and three stories except as noted in notes accompanying sketch.

3.3 Increments of construction:

Enlarged seven times. See sketch.

See Addendum No. 4



A. Original Building. Architect's Project No. 0891. Consisted of basement and three stories. Only the basement extended north of the dotted line. The projection at the lower left was an outside stairway from the basement. This stairway was enclosed in a project bearing a 1914 project number in the University Architect's office, but this enclosure is not treated as a separate addition in this report.

B. First Addition. Architect's Project No. 1235. A basement storage room for ice or food supplies, iced through a hole in the top.

C. Second Addition. Architect's Project No. 1710. The portion north of the original building (A) was an extension of the dining room at the basement level only. The portion to the west of the main building was two stories in height, except that the portion of the basement level south of B, east of the broken line, was not excavated. At the first floor level, this construction covered a small part of the southwest corner of B.

D. Third Addition. Architect's Project No. 1816. This was a one story frame building constructed as a temporary kitchen for the School of Military Aeronautics in World War I. It was above the basement level, but was connected to the basement by a 20 ft. long ramp.

E. Fourth Addition. Architect's Project No. 2121. This was a one-story, L-shaped addition at the basement level only. It was a kitchen built to replace D.

F. Fifth Addition. Architect's Project No. 3730. This was an extension of the first floor lounge in the original building extending from the dotted line in A over the top of all of C.

G. Sixth Addition. Architect's Project No. 4035. This consisted of a one-story frame passageway along the north side of the original building (A), two-story units at the east and west ends of E, and first floor construction over that part of E north of the dotted line.

H. Seventh Addition. Architect's Project No. 5231. This construction was at the first floor level only and covered that portion of E below the dotted line. A small area in the southwest corner was included in C (see above).

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

44,970 sq. ft. gross; 26,573 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addenda Nos. 2, 4

3.5 Volume of building:

532,838 cu. ft. (PP)

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—ORIGINAL BUILDING

1. On October 9, 1908 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by George S. Mills and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on December 9, 1908 (T).

3. On December 9, 1908 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: George A. Abernathy

Plumbing and gas fitting: Huffman-Conklin Co.

4. The Board of Trustees on December 9, 1908 approved the architect's recommendation that the electrical contract be awarded to Frances Brothers, D.W. McGrath, or McMaster Electric Co., but left the choice open. The minutes of July 18, 1910 indicate that D.W. McGrath did the work.

5. The heating and ventilating contract was not awarded on December 9, 1908. On December 30, 1908 the Board of Trustees, on advice of the architect, decided to omit the ventilating work.

6. The Board of Trustees on March 26, 1909 awarded the heating contract to the Huffman-Conklin Co.

7. Beginning of work:

The cornerstone laying ceremony was held on April 12, 1909 (L4/14/09)

8. Completion and occupancy:

8.1 The Board of Trustees on June 30, 1910 referred to the Building Committee the question of acceptance of the work of the general contractors, and authorized payment of the final estimate if approved by the Building Committee.

8.2 On July 18, 1910 the Board of Trustees approved payment of final estimates on the other contracts.

8.3 Although the building was completed in July 1910, the opening was delayed pending installation of lighting fixtures and equipment.

8.4 The building was opened with a "housewarming" on January 13 and 14, 1911 (L1/18/11), but it was still not ready for use on account of furnishings for which donations were being solicited.

8.5 The Board of Overseers of the Ohio Union on February 10, 1911 created a committee to devise ways of raising money to furnish the building. Contracts for furnishing and equipment were approved

in successive meetings from March to August of 1911, and the building was apparently put into use piecemeal. The Lantern, for example, stated on March 22, 1911 that the building would be opened in six weeks, and on May 17, 1911 that the dining room would be open June 1.

C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—FIRST ADDITION

This addition consisted of an 12'6" x 17'8" ice room outside of and to the west of the basement level kitchen in the southwest corner of the original building. It is referred to in the University Architects' records as a "vault" or an "icing platform" and was Job No. 2345. The architect was Joseph N. Bradford.

Years later, all projects in the University Architects' office were numbered and this project was designated as Project 1235, which indicates that it was initiated in 1912. Project 1235 included kitchen remodeling as well as this small addition.

No file of bids, contracts and similar documents has been found in the University Architects' records, but a summary sheet prepared many years after the fact indicates that the work was done by E.T. Jenkins at a cost of \$439. The drawing in the University Architects' file is dated "August 1914." The final estimate was dated September 15, 1914. The Lantern on September 16, 1914 noted that an "outdoor refrigerator" had been constructed.

No Board of Trustees records have been found, but there are frequent references in the 1912 minutes of the Board of Overseers of the Ohio Union to the remodeling, including a discussion on November 4, 1912 of bills for remodeling.

Thus it would appear that the Ohio Union Board initiated the total project in 1912, and that the ice room addition was designed and built in August and September 1914.

D. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—SECOND ADDITION

1. On July 3, 1917 the Board of Trustees authorized the President and Secretary to have necessary plans and estimates made, and that the Emergency Board be requested to authorize immediate erection of additions to the dining room and to the refrigeration and storage rooms to meet the needs of the "aviation school."

2. The necessary plans and related documents were prepared by Joseph N. Bradford, University Architect.

3. On November 7, 1917 the President reported to the Board of Trustees that bids had been received and that the construction contract had been awarded to E.H. Latham at \$11,084. Apparently the work was already well under way, since the first estimate was dated October 11, 1917 (A). Work normally would have been in progress a month before the first estimate, which provides the basis for the first payment to the contractor.

4. On November 17, 1917 the President reported to the Board of Trustees that the addition to the refrigeration and storage room (west of the original building) had been completed.

5. The final estimate on the entire project, including the dining room addition, was dated December 4, 1917 (A).

E. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—THIRD ADDITION

1. On January 29, 1918 the President reported to the Board of Trustees that it was necessary to erect a temporary kitchen at the Ohio Union for the School of Military Aeronautics. No action by the Board is recorded.

2. Plans for this building were prepared by Joseph N. Bradford. University Architect.

3. The Lantern on February 5, 1918 reported that the kitchen "had been added," but was not yet equipped. On February 20, 1918 the Lantern stated that the old kitchen was used as a serving room. Thus it would appear that the work was completed in February 1918.

4. At the September 4, 1918 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Acting-President Adams reported that the School of Military Aeronautics, for which this structure had been erected, had been discontinued.

Several months later, (December 31, 1918) Cabinet discussed the possibility of demolishing the temporary kitchen. Cabinet minutes from this date on are missing, but the Lantern on September 28, 1921 reported that during the summer the "former frame kitchen" was replaced with a modern brick and stone structure. The Monthly in November (13:24) likewise reported that a modern brick and stone kitchen had been built to replace the frame structure built during the war.

Thus it would appear that the frame building (3rd addition) was removed during the summer of 1921, but the evidence is not absolutely clear on this point.

(Note: The new brick and stone kitchen referred to in the Lantern and the Monthly is the 4th addition.)

F. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—FOURTH ADDITION

Only sketchy records of this project have been found.

The minutes of the Ohio Union Board of Overseers for March 8, 1921 indicate that the University Architect (Joseph N. Bradford) was making plans for a permanent brick addition to the kitchen to replace the frame structure (3rd addition) added as an expediency during the war.

A May 1921 drawing of this addition by Joseph N. Bradford is in the files of the University Architect.

The *Lantern* on September 28, 1921 reports on changes made during the summer. The article stated that replacement of the former frame kitchen with a modern brick and stone structure had been completed.

Thus it would appear that the addition was constructed between May and September of 1921.

G. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—FIFTH ADDITION

1. On November 8, 1937 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Howard Dwight Smith and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on December 17, 1937 (T).

3. On January 10, 1938 the Board of Trustees approved the award on December 17, 1937 by Cabinet of the Construction contract to Skilken Brothers, Inc. for \$14,312.

4. Beginning of work:

The first estimate was dated March 5, 1938 (A).

5. Completion and occupancy:

The final estimate was dated June 24, 1938 (A).

H. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—SIXTH ADDITION

1. On June 10, 1940 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Howard

Dwight Smith and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on July 31, 1940 (A).

3. On August 2, 1940 the Summer Executive Committee of the Ohio Union approved the contracts to the following contractors:

General: Robert H. Evans and Co.

Plumbing: J.F. Oelgoetz Co.

The electrical and heating work was done by the Service Department of the University (A).

4. No records of progress on this addition have been found. However, minutes of the Ohio Union Board of Overseers for January 23, 1943 indicate that the new space was already in use. This suggests the construction might have been completed in 1940 and establishes January 1941 as the latest date of completion.

I. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION—SEVENTH ADDITION

1. On September 2, 1952 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Howard Dwight Smith and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on October 27, 1952 (T), but the Attorney General ruled that the bids were improperly taken (T 11/17/52). New bids were taken on November 14, 1952, but a court restraining order prevented any award on the basis of these bids. (T 2/9/53).

3. New bids were received on February 3, 1953 (T).

4. On February 9, 1953 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Geis Construction Co.

Electrical: Gustav Hirsch Organization, Inc.

Heating: Sauer, Inc.

Plumbing: Thomas J. Croak

5. Completion and occupancy:

This addition was a small part of a project mainly comprised of remodeling space for use by the Student Health Service, which was done in two phases. The addition in question was a part of Phase I, final estimates for which were dated June 18, 1954 (A). However, the work on the addition was probably completed much earlier, since the work on all Phase II contracts was substantially completed by August 1, 1953 (A). It seems reasonable, therefore, to conclude that the addition in question was begun and completed in 1953.

J. COST

1. Originally listed at \$68,559.06 as of June 30, 1910; increased to \$78,698.95 as of June 30, 1915 (B). Latter figure presumably would cover all of the original building.

2. As of June 30, 1975 the building was listed at \$261,397.58 (B).

K. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1781--original building

X 13932--temporary kitchen

X 12753--1960

X 12754--1960

See Addendum No. 4

2. Other:

M 67:15 (Nov 1975)

Hooper: 94

McC2:193A

L. MISCELLANEOUS

This building was replaced as a student union by Building 058, which opened in November 1951.

Building 085 was then remodeled for student service offices, including the Student Health Services. The remodeling was substantially completed by August 1, 1953 (A).

The Student Health Service moved to Building 294 in the Autumn of 1969.

At this writing, most of the remaining student services offices have moved to Lincoln Tower (271). Building 085 is expected to be used as temporary quarters for Fine Arts during the planned remodeling of Hayes Hall (039).

John H. Herrick

December 10, 1976

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional names for this building:

Ohio Union Hall

Student Building

154 West Twelfth Avenue

John M. Herrick

November 13, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 2

Campus Planning records now show the following areas for this building:

44,970 sq. ft. gross;

29,532 sq. ft. net assignable

John H. Herrick

February 7, 1985

ADDENDUM NO. 3

The Board of Trustees at its May 1, 1986 meeting changed the name of this building to "Harold L. Enarson Hall."

This building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 20, 1979.

Extensive exterior renovation was completed in January 1985. Interior renovation and remodeling are now anticipated in order to house the offices of University College.

The interior remodeling is expected to be sufficiently completed to permit beneficial occupancy by October 1987. (P)

John H. Herrick

June 16, 1986

ADDENDUM NO. 4

Bids on remodeling were received on May 12, 1987. (T. 7/10/87)

The award of contracts to the following contractors for remodeling were reported to the Board of Trustees on July 10, 1987:

General: Gutknecht Construction Co.

Plumbing and Fire Protection: J. A. Croson Co.

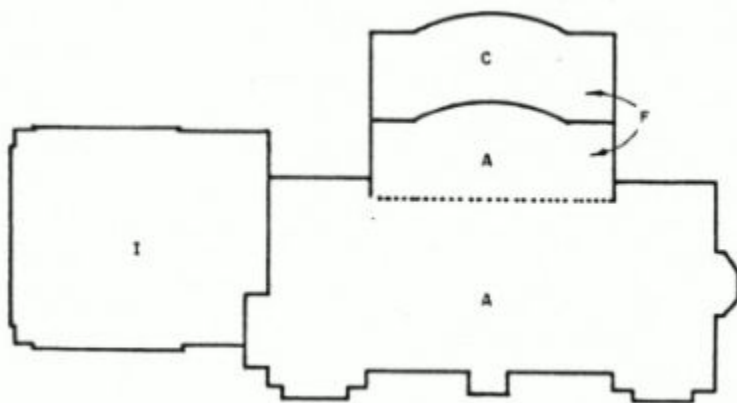
Heating, ventilating and air conditioning: J. A. Guy, Inc.

Electrical: Buckeye Electric Co.

The architect for the project was Coke Harpham. (A)

As a part of the remodeling, the following units shown in the diagram on the second page of this report were removed: B, the two portions of C at the southwest corner of the building, E, and G. Demolition occurred in August, 1987. (A)

The portions removed were replaced by new construction, which is shown on the following sketch as Unit I.



This new addition is approximately 60 ft. x 70 ft. New areas for the entire building are: 44,953 sq. ft. gross and 32,887 sq. ft. net assignable. (P)

The addition (Unit I) has concrete and concrete block walls faced with brick. It has a standing-seam, metal roof on a plywood deck and wood framing. The addition has one story and contains three classrooms.

The addition is shown in in Photograph X30244 in Photo Archives.

John H. Herrick

June 2, 1988